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In re Application of Brian M. Kennedy
Serial No.: 09/510,607
Filing Date: February 22, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2166
Examiner: Alexander Kalinowski
Title: *System and Method for Managing ATP*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 7, 2002, stating that Applicant's Response filed August 23, 2002, is considered non-compliant because it does not meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Specifically, the Notice states that a marked-up version of amended claims is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii). Copies of the Notice and Applicant's Response are attached.

Applicant respectfully submits that, because Applicant's Response contained no amendments to any claims, a marked-up version of amended claims was not required. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) apply only "if a claim is amended," which is not the case with respect to Applicant's Response. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the

Notice is in error and requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of Applicant's Response.

Conclusion

Because Applicant submits that the Notice is in error, Applicant believes that no fee is due for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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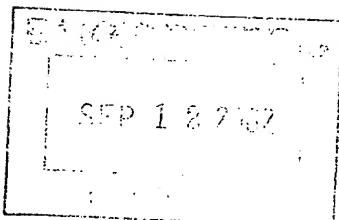
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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment filed on Aug. 23, 2002 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, 65 FR 54603, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omission in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT SUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i).
- 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: _____

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO's <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/docom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT: Unless applicant supplies the omission or correction to the amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mailing of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION: Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be non-final, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, within which to supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid a final rejection. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)

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Changes to the Patent Rules

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Simplified Amendment Practice. Replacement paragraphs/sections/claims to be used. 37 CFR 1.12

The rule package "Changes to the Patent Business Goals - Final Rule," published in the Federal Register on September 8, 2000, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept. 8, 2000), and the Official Gazette on September 19, 2000, 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 77 (September 19, 2000). The PBG rule package makes a number of revisions to Title 37.

The entire final rule may be found at the USPTO Website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/docia/olla/pbg/index.htm>.

Areas and individuals primarily affected by this rule change include:
 (1) Patent Examiners and Tech Support Staff in the Technology Centers
 (2) Office of Patent Publication

Any questions related to this change in practice should be directed to Joe Narcavage, Special Projects Extr. (703-305-1795) or Lt. Dougherty, Legal Advisor, (703-305-3156) OPLA.



Mandatory compliance with the revised rule is not required until March 1, 2001. It is suggested that applicants adopt the revised procedures on or after November 7, 2000, in order to adjust to the changes in amendment practice.

Under the new amendment practice, amendments to the specification must be made by the submission of clean new or replacement paragraph(s), section(s), specification, or claim(s). This practice will provide a specification (including claims) in clean, or substantially clean, form that can be effectively captured and converted by optical character recognition (OCR) scanning during the patent printing process.

The new practice requires applicant to provide, in addition to the clean version of a replacement paragraph/section/claim, a marked-up version using applicant's choice of a conventional marking system to indicate the changes, which will aid the examiner in identifying the changes that have been made. The marked-up version must be based on the previous version and indicate (by markings) how the previous version has been modified to produce the clean version submitted in the current amendment. The term "previous version" means the version of record in the application as originally filed or from a previously entered amendment.

The following format is suggested in an amendment paper: (1) a clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim with clear instructions for entry; (2) starting on a separate page, any remarks/arguments (37 CFR 1.111); and (3) starting on a separate page, a marked-up

**Amendment by
paragraph/claim
replacement in clean form.**

version entitled "Version with markings showing changes made."

Applicants will also be able to submit a set of all pending claims, consolidating a previous versions of pending claims from series of separate amendments into a single clean version in a single amendment paper. This submission of a clean version of all the pending claims will be construed as recting the cancellation of all previous versions of any pending claims. No marked version will be required to accompany the clean version where no changes other than consolidation are being made.

The amended rule encourages issuance of applications with examiner's amendment without practitioners/applicants having to file a formal amendment. Additions or deletions of subject matter in the specification, including the claims, may continue to be made in an examiner's amendment at the allowance by instructions to make an addition or change at a precise location in the specification or the claims. An examiner's amendment may incorporate a printed copy of a fax or e-mail amendment submitted by applicant. Only that part of the e-mail or fax direct a clean version, or a portion of, a paragraph or claim to be added should be printed and attached to the examiner's amendment, or a paper copy of the entire e-mail or fax be entered in the file. The electronic version of the e-mail is not required to be saved on a printed e-mail (and any attachments) as part of the application file record.

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks.